SAM: Who We Are/What We Do

- Security Assistance Monitor is a program of the Center for International Policy, in collaboration with the Friends Committee on National Legislation, Latin America Working Group Education Fund, Project on Middle East Democracy and Washington Office on Latin America.

- We track and analyze U.S. security sector assistance programs worldwide. By informing policymakers, media, scholars, NGOs and the public (in the United States and abroad) about trends and issues related to U.S. foreign security assistance, we seek to enhance transparency and promote greater oversight of U.S. military and police aid, arms sales and training.

- Our interactive database compiles all publicly available data on U.S. foreign security assistance programs worldwide from 2000 to the present. Collected from a wide range of government documents, the database provides detailed numbers on U.S. arms sales, military and police aid and training programs (see our methodology here). Users can search these numbers by country, region, program and assistance type. Video tutorials and a frequently asked questions section show users how to find the numbers and information they need. Our programs pages provide descriptions of all U.S. security assistance programs.

- While our database is global, our research and analysis provide more in-depth insight on U.S. security policy in Africa, Central Eurasia, Latin America and the Caribbean and the Middle East, which can be found in our blog, fact sheets and publications. We also organize roundtables and briefings to promote a more nuanced understanding and encourage debate about key U.S. foreign security assistance issues.

- In our extensive resource database of news, policy statements, legislation and events, users can find what lawmakers and experts are saying about U.S. global security policy, stay current with public events, hearings, official travel and reporting deadlines, and read all relevant security news for each of our focus regions.